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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition. I currently have both DSL internet service and telephone service at very competitive prices through a local Internet company, Sonic.net. I pay 50.00 per month for this service. I am recently retired, and am now on a fixed income. Without the ability of Sonic to use the wires of established providers, I would be paying up to twice as much for comparable service. And, incidentally, I've had no problem with Sonic over some years, which I cannot say for ATT. My hope is that competition from folks like Sonic will bring down prices, and increase the quality of services offered by large telecommunications companies. As a senior, is it essential that I have affordable reliable internet and phone services. Sonic permits persons who otherwise could not afford home Internet/phone service to have it in their home: persons living on small incomes, young persons, the elderly. I ask that you do not take this option away, and that your policies promote healthy competition.

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